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MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller

FROM : [REDACTED]
Chief, Budget Management Group

SUBJECT : 1983 Intelligence Authorization Bill

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Per your request, I have reviewed the attached draft 1983 Intelligence Authorization Bill. There are two new items in the Bill which you should be aware of:

(1.) IC Staff appropriation is proposed to be classified in the same manner as CIA. This is accomplished by minor changes from last year to Titles I and II of the Bill.

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now, this Office has done so (in concert with Finance). I doubt if IC will want to go through us for this; they will probably want to go directly to OMB. Given existing confusion--particularly in Congress--about such transfers, it may be awkward to have more than one repository of data and more than one responsible official.

(2.) Section 403 would exempt CIA from a provision of the Brooks Act (40 USC 759, as amended) which requires conformance with certain GSA and Commerce standards and regulations in the purchase and use of ADP equipment. DoD gained such an exception last year. [REDACTED] indicates that there have been some minor disagreements within the Agency as to the absolute need for this program. We have, in fact, been delegated certain authorities from GSA to review and regulate ourselves. Logistics has apparently found this reasonably acceptable. ODP, on the other hand, -- per [REDACTED] -- feels that the ultimate threat of withdrawal of the delegation may, in fact, constrain them from getting the best equipment for their needs. The fact that DoD got the exemption last year was, apparently, the determining factor in deciding to go for a CIA exemption this year.

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Section 103, which was the subject of controversy last year, is unchanged from the enacted 1982 version, so hopefully this will not cause us any problems this go-around.

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